

PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT - BOARD OF UTILITY COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Pascoag Utility District Board of Utility Commissioners will be held on Monday, July 28, 2008 at 6:00 pm in the District office, Pascoag 253 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag, RI.

Members Present: Chairman Albert Palmisciano, Vice-Chair Ann Polacek, Commissioners Thomas Partridge, Dennis Whitman, and Adrien Trudeau

Members Absent: Commissioner Brian Choiniere excused due to military leave, William Mageau, excused due to sick leave.

Also in Attendance: Judith Allaire and William Guertin, Assistant General Managers; William Bernstein, General Counsel

Chairman Palmisciano opened the meeting at 6:04 pm.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment

3. Committee Comments

• Policy Subcommittee-The Policy Subcommittee recommends to the

Board that the Apprentice Lineworker's Salary be restructured. Mr. Palmisciano also discussed the Dunbar Contract and that the Policy Subcommittee feels that the Dunbar Contract is not necessary. The Policy Subcommittee would like to recommend to the full Board that they terminate the Dunbar Service.

- Water Subcommittee- Ms. Allaire stated that \$285,000 are left of the STAG Grant. If PUD wants to use the remaining funds for a project, the District would need to match it with 45% funding. The deadline for the Grant is December 31, 2008. The Water Subcommittee is in the process of identifying a viable project to make use of the STAG Grant. The Water Subcommittee also went over the PARE proposal in regards to bringing Well #3 back online. The Water Subcommittee recommended to the full Board that it approves the PARE proposal.**

4. Good and Welfare of the District

A. PUC Data Request – Docket No. 1725

Ms. Allaire reviewed the customer shut off information. The average customer balance is around \$228.15. Ms. Allaire stated that 44 residential standard customers were disconnected in the month of June. Pascoag Utility District sent out 471 disconnection notices. Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Trudeau, seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.

B. Thank You

Two thank you notes were presented, one from the Pascoag Public Library for a donation that was made and another from a customer that wanted to thank Christopher Piccardi and Rob Leduc for their quick and efficient work at a pole fire at 325 Sherman Farm Rd.

Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Partridge, seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.

C. 2008 DSM Budget

Ms. Allaire said that PUD has expended all of the funds that have been collected to date. It appears that there will be no overcollection.

D. Cox Communications Upgrade

Pascoag Utility District has had problems with interruptions in internet service with Verizon over the past few months. Because of this PUD has changed over to Cox Communications and has saved an estimated \$500 a month.

E. District Office Newsletter

The Board reviewed the District Office Newsletter. Motion to receive and file made by Mr. Partridge, seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor is unanimous.

5. Approval of Minutes

• Regular Meeting- June 23, 2008

Mr. Whitman made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Mr. Partridge. The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. Unfinished Business

• 08-02 NYISO Transmission Charges-Update

Ms. Allaire stated that an average NYPA bill is usually around \$30,000. This past month the NYPA bill was \$143,000. These charges have

increased dramatically due to the transmission charges. Ms. Allaire and Mr. Guertin went to a meeting with NYPA and NYISO. NYISO has filed an intervention with FERC. NYISO has asked for an expedited decision from FERC. The problem with the transmission charges seems to be with the scheduling of transmission and hopefully this will be addressed in the near future. Ms. Allaire and Mr. Guertin will keep the Board posted on any further developments.

7. New Business

08-13-Resolution: Reallocation of Portfolio

Mr. Partridge made a motion to empower the General Manager to reallocate the portfolio as needed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous.

08-14-Resolution: Engaging Services of Attorney John Coyle- New Generation Plant

Mr. Partridge made a motion to empower the General Manager to hire Attorney John Coyle to review the contracts of the Taunton Plant. Mr. Trudeau seconded. The vote in favor was unanimous.

08-15-Burrillville Town Management Committee-Alternate

Ms. Polacek has volunteered to be an alternate for the Burrillville Town

Management Committee.

8. Financial Reports

A. Electric Department- May 2008

The Electric Operating revenue was slightly below budget forecast. This is due to the NYPA bill of \$100,000. The Customer Account Expense is right on budget. The Electric Department presently has a net income \$31,250.

B. Water Department-not available at this time

Mr. Partridge made a motion to approve the Electric financial reports. The vote was seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Partridge made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Whitman. The vote in favor was unanimous. Chairman Palmisciano adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm.

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Brian Choiniere, Secretary

Board of Utility Commissioners

Desarae Downs, Recording Secretary